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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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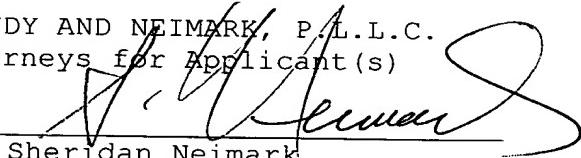
As we paid the issue fee in this application seven (7) months ago and no feedback from the PTO has yet been received, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply.**

Respectfully submitted,

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